

**Developmental Disabilities Council
Membership Committee
Minutes
July 26, 2007**

Present

Larry Garman (Committee Chair), Vickie Foster, Suzanne Gries, Carole McRae, Erin Platts, Mike Hatch, Becky Lasky, Shawn Latham, Laethan Wene, George Walker

Staff

Linda Walling, Eva Rooks

Adjustments to the Agenda

There were none.

Minutes

The July minutes were approved as written.

New Member Orientation

Linda explained that there still has been no word from the Governor's office about when new members will be appointed to the Council.

Since there has been such a long time since interviews were completed, the committee asked if a letter could be sent out to those who had interviews explaining the delay. Discussion also occurred around new member orientation, including structure and content. Some members felt that it should be the night before their first meeting. There was also a desire to simplify the orientation and to give new members just enough information to make their first meeting meaningful. It would also be helpful for each new member to have a “seasoned” Council member assigned to them for the first couple of meetings.

Application Usability

Linda has reformatted the membership application to include both the application and the supplemental questionnaire since the questionnaire is mandatory. Linda will be sending the application to Carol who will distribute it to a core group to determine usability.

Interview Questions Review

Carol also volunteered to have the interview questions tested to determine usability.

Council Member At Large

The Council member at large concept was brought forward as a way to develop possible new members. Members-at-large would attend DDC meetings. Membership committee members questioned whether the Council would be required to pay expenses for these members-at-large and asked for clarification.

George Walker also mentioned the possibility of bringing in the expertise of people who've been on the Council, and what they could possibly provide.

Development Day

Larry mentioned that he went to training by Jim Corey recently on Chaos theory. Larry mentioned that it was very interesting and could be applicable to the Council and suggested it may be an option for Development Day. He stated he would get more information and bring it to the November meeting. Eva mentioned that she had an interesting training when she was at school. She will contact her instructor to see if maybe that could also be an activity for Development Day.

2008 Meeting Locations

Linda said that Walla Walla was out of contention for the Fall 2008 meeting because Alaska Airlines only has three flights a day leaving Walla Walla. The hotel shuttle was also not accessible and there are no other shuttle options available. Other ideas were brought to the table, the most promising being Vancouver, Washington. Linda said she would check out a couple locations and see if this would be a good option for the September 2008 meeting.

Report to Council

New member orientation;
Application usability;
Council members at-large;
Development Day; and
2008 Meeting Dates

November Meeting

New Member Orientation;
Application/Interview Usability;
Development Day; and
Wenatchee Open House